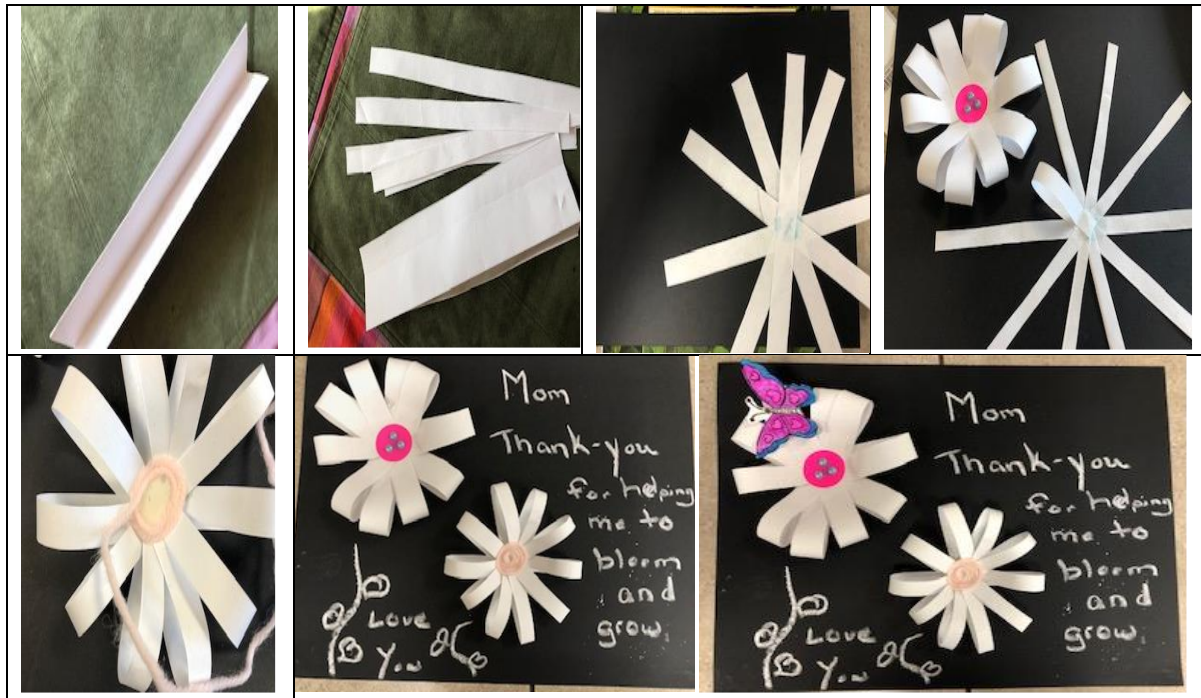


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This Sunday, May 14th, is Mother's Day. This holiday was first celebrated in 1907, honoring Ann Jarvis, a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It is a great day to remember all that mothers have done in our lives by creating a work of art, just for them. Whether it is your real mom, grandma, a favorite aunt, teacher, neighbor, or friend, women help to make us who we are by caring for, loving and guiding us from the day we are born. This is an occasion to honor all their contributions and show our love and appreciation for them with a beautiful flower message.



1- Fold a piece of paper multiple times to make long strips. You can fold it lengthwise or widthwise. Cut the strips on the fold lines. Lay the strips down on a large piece of paper in a circular pattern, crossing the strips in the middle. One by one, bring each end of the strips and glue down in the center of the flower. If you do not have black paper, color a white piece with a crayon, and have bright colored flowers. Use a sticker in the middle, and add buttons or beads for the stamen part of the flower. Use yarn instead of a sticker in the middle. Cut a piece of yarn and glue it down in a circle. You can make more than one flower or one larger flower with wider strips for the young artist.

2- If you have black paper, use a white crayon or chalk and write a message or poem to your special Mom. If you have white paper, you can use any color to write your message. You can even add a colorful spring butterfly to your Mother's Day garden of love.

Happy Mother's Day to all and happy creating! -Ms. Susan